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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : National Intelligence Survey (NIS) Coverage Plan

REFERENCES : a. USIB-M-369, 4 February 1965, Item 7. c.
b. USIB-D-51.1/8, 28 August 1963

1. The enclosed memorandum on the subject from the Chairman of the National Intelligence Survey (NIS) Committee and its attachment respond to the Board directive (reference a.) to report annually on this subject. It is submitted for Board consideration of the NIS request in paragraph 6 of Mr. Brammell's memorandum for USIB approval of the subject plan as a long-range production programming guide. The proposed plan is intended to replace the more limited 2-year production forecast formerly submitted each year by the NIS Committee and also to be more directly responsive to Board direction in the references. Mr. Brammell's memorandum points out that, under the proposed plan, the General Survey will continue as the primary unit of NIS coverage at the same annual production rate although the production rate for supplementary elements reflect some reductions.

2. In August 1963 the USIB approved reference b., including paragraph 8, in which the Board assumed responsibility for providing policy direction to the NIS Program including a proviso that the Board establish priorities for production of the NIS (paragraph 8. c. of reference b.). This proviso was the basis for the Board's action in reference a. requesting the NIS Committee to submit each year a similar Forecast, reflecting recommended priorities for NIS production.

3. Accordingly, it is recommended that the Board consider action on the attachments along the following lines:

a. Approve the NIS Coverage Plan as contained in the attachment as a long-range production planning guide to be implemented flexibly and reviewed annually.

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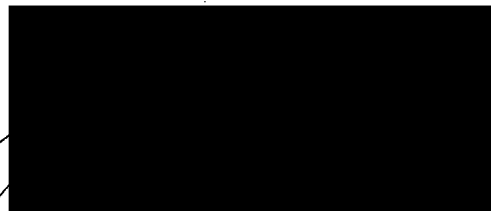
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b. Note that the NIS Committee will discuss in its Annual Report to USIB any significant changes to the subject plan.

c. Note that the NIS Committee will submit an annual production schedule to USIB before the beginning of each fiscal year.

4. This subject will be placed on the agenda for USIB consideration at an early meeting.

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